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"Coming Up Roses"

Mattapoisett's "Rose Queen" Wins at Show

By Kenneth J. Souza

Elsie R. Silva of Mattapoisett can now officially be referred to as the Rose Queen after winning the title "Queen of the Show" at the recent New England Rose Society fall competition held on September 13 at the University of Massachusetts Field Station in Waltham. "Queen is the highest award," Ms. Silva said proudly while giving a guided tour of her beautiful rose garden on Mattapoisett Neck recently. "Then there's King and Princess. I've also won several blue ribbons for different categories."

Ms. Silva won the top award with a hybrid tea rose named "Double Delight," a bicolor of creamy white with bright strawberry markings on the outer edge of the petals — just one of the many attractive rose bushes which adorn her home and well-kept garden on Mattapoisett Harbor.

The former New Bedford native and now year-round Mattapoisett resident has received ample support and assistance in her hobby from husband, Tony, who does most of the "hard work" she admits. The couple has been involved in cultivating roses for such shows for the past four years, and are active members in the American Rose Society, the New England Rose Society, the newly-formed Rhode Island Rose Society, and the Seaside Rose Society on Cape Cod.

"We had a vegetable garden in our yard and the rose bushes took up only one corner," Mr. Silva said. "Eventually, the roses took over the whole area ... now we don't have any vegetables."

This is the second show in which Mr. and Ms. Silva have been involved this year alone, the first being held back in June. "The rose season runs from June through September ... our entries were even more beautiful back then," Ms. Silva said. "There were only about 150 specimens entered in the (recent) show, but there were over 300 in June."

Ms. Silva explained that the winners are decided by a panel of judges from outside the area — generally New York — which makes their decision solely on the specimens themselves; they aren't even told the contestants' names. Such things as flower size, color, and the look of the stem and petals are all taken into account ... and the judges are very particular when it comes to show-winning entries.

"All the specimens have to be a certain length ... the flowers have to be in full bloom, without any browning leaves," she said. "We're allowed to take off any (dying) petals or leaves, but we can't add anything (to the specimen)."

Mr. Silva added that the bushes in their meticulously landscaped garden will often yield surprising results from year to year. A disappointing flower this year may be next year's winning entry. "Every rose has its own personality," he said.

In addition to the show's top honor, Ms. Silva also won the Best Climber category with "Altissimo," Best Floribunda Spray with "Playgirl," Best Hybrid Open Bloom with "Color Magic," Best Rose in a Bowl with "Playgirl," and Best Artist's Palette with seven miniature roses of four varieties. The Mattapoisett resident, in fact, took home a total of seven blue ribbons from the show.

"We work at it everyday ... pruning and watering," she said. "Not hours and hours, but it does take a lot of time."

"The Great Escape"

Mattapoisett, Rochester Plan Home Fire Drills

Fire Departments in Mattapoisett and Rochester will be participating in "The Great Escape" next week in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week (October 4 through October 10) and as part of the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program.

"The Great Escape" is a first-of-its-kind nationwide fire drill being conducted on Wednesday,

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On the cover: *Elsie R. Silva (left) and her husband Tony, both of Mattapoisett, take great pride in the many prize-winning rose bushes which adorn their Mattapoisett Neck home. Ms. Silva recently won the coveted "Queen of the Show" honor at the New England Rose Society fall show held in Waltham. The couple is very active with the American Rose Society, the New England Rose Society, and many other area organizations which run similar competitions on an annual basis. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Cover insert: *Both Mattapoisett and Rochester are slated to participate in "The Great Escape" on Wednesday, October 7 — the first-of-its-kind nationwide home fire drill which is just one of many events planned to commemorate National Fire Prevention Week. The drill will take place promptly at 6:00 pm and school children are being encouraged to participate throughout the area. (Wanderer file photo).*

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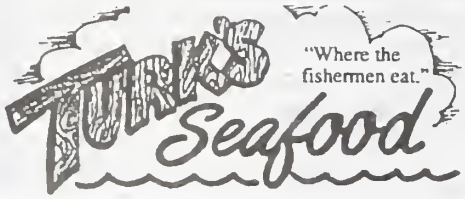

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October 7 at 6:00 pm. Fire Departments all across America are being asked to take part in this fire drill, sponsored by the NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association). The departments are working hand-in-hand with the teachers and staff of the local schools to take part in the drill. A contest is in the making and a final winner will randomly be selected to enter the NFPA's Grand Prize trip for four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Because everyone who participates in "The Great Escape" is a winner in fire safety, all school children who take part in the drill will receive a token of "thanks" from Sparky the Fire Dog (with special thanks to all the sponsors who made these gifts possible).

Area residents are being asked to give a few minutes of their time on October 7 at exactly 6:00 pm to assist with this program. The Fire Department will be out in full force to make sure everyone knows "The Great Escape" has begun. Fire does not discriminate, so if you have friends or family without any school-aged children, you might want to fill them in on "The Great Escape." Help them prepare an escape plan and maybe check their smoke detectors for them.

Immediately following "The Great Escape," the Mattapoisett Fire Department will be hosting their annual Open House beginning at 7:00 pm at the fire station on Route 6. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to stop by and visit and see demonstrations such as the Jaws of Life, an Oil Spill demonstration, the SAFE Smoke House, a fire extinguisher demo, and more!

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

September 29, 1998

By Angel Levesque

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, September, 29 at 7:00 pm by acting Chairman Barry Denham. Also present were Selectman Michele Bernier and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Chairman Paul E. Lambalot did not arrive in time for the start of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, September 22, 1998 were unanimously approved. A thank you letter was sent to Greg Huntoon of the Valet Linen Supply Company for donating chairs for the new Town Hall Conference Room. A letter was also sent to Michael Farmer for his years of service to the town as a member of the Board of Appeals.

A Special Town Election will be held at Old Hammondtown School on Tuesday, October 6 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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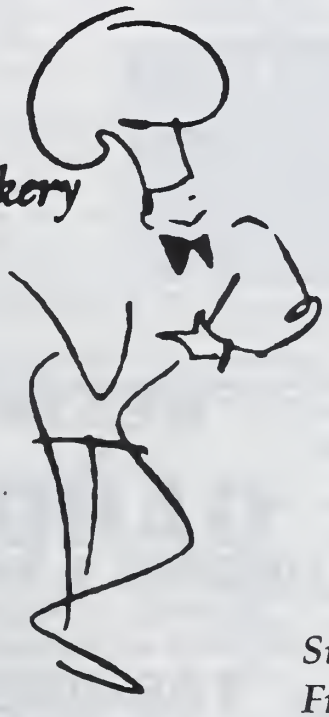

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At 7:15 pm, Don Correia of the Mattapoisett Lions Club made suggestions for the remodeling of the town's Shipyard Park area. Their plans are to refurbish the bathroom facilities and other deteriorated amenities. Selectman Denham remarked on the "lack of bathrooms and shower facilities." Wayne Oliveira is a committee member with the Lions Club that is overseeing this project and he is "very interested," in talking with the committee as well as the Harbormaster. "$50,000 to $60,000 will be needed to put together this project," Mr. Correia said, "So, fundraiser and matching grants will be needed."

Another point that was mentioned: "We've been talking about this for four (to) six or so years now off and on, maybe we should get a committee together and do something more solid," said Selectman Denham. Selectman Bernier replied: "Maybe we should hear from the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) before we create (another) advisory board. Let them come to us and we'll go from there." Ms. Adams suggested that Selectman Denham, Selectman Bernier, and Mr. Correia meet in a week to see what develops with "talks during the week."

At 7:31 pm, Chairman Paul E. Lambalot arrived and the other members updated him on what happened in his absence.

In talks regarding future events, it was noted that Ed Moore will be finishing the gate to the park entrance. "It has been falling apart for some time now and we are going to repair it as part of our commitment to fixing up the park," Mr. Correia said.

Other events to be noted included the Massachusetts Municipal Association's (MMA) Annual Conference to be held on January 15 - 17, 1999. Selectman Bernier asked Ms. Adams "to be penciled in for that meeting."

In a discussion about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) repair project, Selectman Denham and Selectman Bernier came to a disagreement regarding what occurred during a meeting for the ADA. Selectman Denham explained his view on what had occurred, but was rebutted by Selectman Bernier in stating he was wrong. Selectman Denham suggested: "Then you explain it!" Selectman Bernier expressed her frustration by saying: "Don't be rude, Barry!"

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Selectmen's Meeting to be held on October 29. A memo will be sent out regarding details, times, and more information. The Town Hall will also be receiving new phone lines. A resident present congratulated Carol Adams for her work in "getting it all done and with such promptness."

The GIS (Geographic Information System) System was also up for discussion. The Master Plan Study Committee is convinced that this is an essential technology and should be adopted as soon as possible. A meeting will be held on October 6 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall for the purpose of evaluating the needs for the establishment of a GIS System within town departments.

A memo was received from Fire Chief Ronald Scott advising that the Fire Department will hold an Open House on Wednesday, October 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. He asked for

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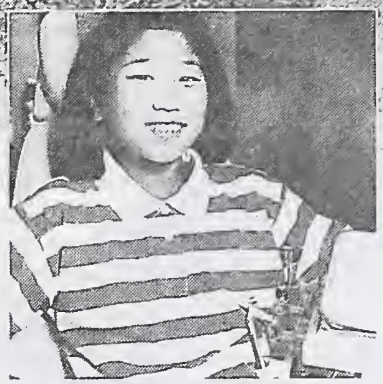

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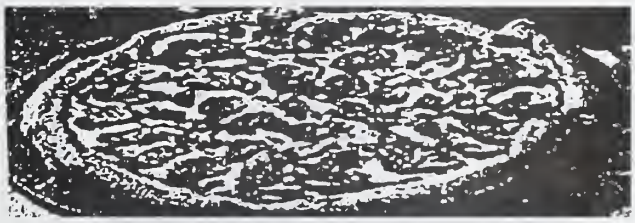

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A letter was received from Dennis and Diane Perry regarding the traffic safety concerns at the intersection of the Brandt Point Development project. Ms. Adams noted that a letter was sent to Police Chief James Moran addressing the Perry's concerns.

A note was also made on the forthcoming "Planning Day" scheduled for Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. There will be food, babysitting services, and lots of fun. The event will focus on discussion for visions for the future, problems and opportunities, priorities, goals, and objectives and planning strategies. A discussion on what neighborhood teens want in the way of a skateboarding area will also be addressed. Selectman Denham said: "Hopefully 200 people are expected to come." The board members encouraged residents to attend, either for an hour or the whole day.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:42 pm. Next week's meeting will bring about discussions of updates on the discussion between the Lions Club and the Marine Advisory Board. The board also hopes to have more information regarding the next Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

September 29, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm. Also

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present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, and Executive Secretary Ray Pickles.

The board first met with Police Chief Brian J. Scott and Jeffrey E. Tripp, a candidate for appointment as a Special Police Officer. Chief Scott said he would like to recommend Mr. Tripp to the force since he first expressed interest in the department over two years ago. "We need to replenish our special reserve officers and we haven't been able to find anything that wouldn't make him a fine officer for Marion," Chief Scott said.

Mr. Tripp said he has previously worked as a Special Police Officer in Wareham and was recommended to the Marion force by Officer Jonathan Philbrook. He plans on having a long-term career in police work. With that, the board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Tripp as a Special Police Officer with the Marion Police Department.

Chief Scott also updated the board on a new state law governing the carrying of firearms and the issuance of Firearm Identification Cards (FID's). "The new law will be rather cumbersome and time-consuming ... and it really goes beyond what is necessary," Chief Scott said. "FID cards used to be issued for a lifetime ... and a license to carry for five years. Now, they are going to be issued for only one year."

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October 21, is going to create increased paperwork and take considerable time to manage. "It's certainly going to create some logistical problems for us ... I just wanted to make you aware," he said. "The license fee is also going up from $10 to $25 — and $12.50 of that goes to the state."

The board next unanimously voted to accept $555,277.40 in Chapter 90 monies from the state for road projects during the next fiscal year. The also unanimously approved an Alcoholic Beverage License for the Marion VFW's Ladies Auxiliary Picnic on Sunday, October 4 with an expected 150 people turnout.

At 7:16 pm the board met with two commercial fishermen from Marion who are concerned about Shellfish Officer Charles Bradley's recent recommendation to delay the start date for commercial scallop season from October 15 to October 26 — a suggestion which the board took under advisement last week. The fishermen felt this drastically cut down on their fishing time and chances of getting a good catch. "It's a natural resource ... if you don't allow it to be fished, they are going to die," Rob Zora said. "Mr. Bradley is comparing our waters to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, but we don't have the same climate here."

In a memo to the board dated September 28, Mr. Bradley wrote: "What I propose is to open recreational scalloping October 1, dip netting only until October 24 and then dragging would be allowed for recreational fishing until October 26, at which time commercial and recreational dragging would be allowed in the harbor per existing regulation. Commercial dragging will be allowed south and east of a line from Converse Point to Kittansett Point and then to Great Hill Point beginning October 1."

Mr. Bradley claims that the reasons for this recommendation are: the eel grass has died back and isn't pulled out roots and all, recreational dip netters can fish while the water and weather are warm, and the bulk of the scallops are harvested when the meats (eyes) have developed to maximum size. As such, this recommendation was made and unanimously supported by the Marine Resource Commission on September 14.

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Fisherman Doug Thackery suggested at least moving the commercial start up to October 19 to give them another six days of dragging. "The only people they're hurting is the local businessman trying to make a living," Mr. Zora said.

Due to the October 1 start of the recreational scallop season, Chairman Winters said the board should adopt the policy as recommended and then ask Mr. Bradley to come in next week to consider moving the commercial date up as suggested. "I don't think we're comfortable with overruling the recommendation of the Shellfish Officer without his input," Selectman Schaefer said. The board unanimously voted to adopt Mr. Bradley's recommendations and agreed to schedule a meeting with him next week at 7:00 pm.

Town Counsel Thomas P. Crotty next sent a written opinion to the board regarding a potential conflict of interest

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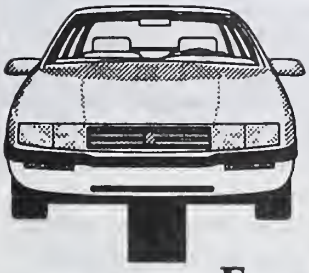

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regarding the role of certain town officers in the processing of weekly payrolls. In particular, Mr. Crotty addressed the issue of the Selectmen, Town Accountant, and Town Treasurer in regards to payrolls. He noted the following:

• Board of Selectmen - Since the Selectmen alone are required by statute to approve their own payroll, it is my opinion that under the rule of necessity they may do so, without being in violation of the conflict statute.

• Town Accountant - The Town Accountant is required by law ... to examine all payrolls and prepare the warrant for approval by the Selectmen. It is my opinion that the rule of necessity will also allow the Town Accountant to examine payrolls, including her own, and to prepare the warrant which includes the payroll.

• Town Treasurer - In my opinion the Treasurer will not be in violation of the conflict statute if she signs her own payroll check for the following reasons ... the Treasurer's role in paying an approved bill is ministerial — the discretionary decision having already been made by the Town Accountant and Board of Selectmen. This would not rise to the level of "participation" contemplated in (the Massachusetts General Laws). The rule of necessity would allow the Treasurer to make that payment in the absence of a duly appointed assistant treasurer. Finally, the Board of Selectmen, as the Treasurer's appointing authority, may determine that the Treasurer's financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the town may expect from her.

In other matters, Mr. Pickles noted that he had talked

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with the Department of Public Works (DPW), and a contractor has tested the effluent line between manholes #15 and #16 and determined that some settlement had occurred within the pipe line which needs to be cleaned and/or replaced. "We may need just to replace the pipe ... and we'll need to prepare an emergency filing with the DEP," Mr. Pickles said. "(DPW Superintendent) Rob Zora will be in next week to give cost estimates to the board."

Mr. Pickles also suggested that a portion of the town's Zoning By-Laws be amended to change enforcement from the building inspector to a "zoning enforcement officer to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws." This suggested amending of Section 2 of the By-Laws would go before Town Meeting voters at a Special Town Meeting in February of 1999, which will focus mainly on zoning and Planning Board issues.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:44 pm.

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Rochester Runner

Senior Captain **Ben Taylor** of Rochester was honored on Tuesday, September 22 at the Springfield College Maroon Club Male Athlete-of-the-Week after he placed third in a field of 118 runners at the UMass Dartmouth Invitational on September 19. Taylor's time of **26 minutes, 3 seconds** over the 8,000-meter course led the Pride to a second place finish among 15 teams participating in the meet. Taylor opened his season by placing 10th among 105 competitors at the Tufts Hayseed Classic in Grafton, Massachusetts on September 12 with a time of 27:58 as Springfield placed fifth among eight teams.

An outdoor recreational management major, Taylor graduated from **Old Rochester Regional High School** in Mattapoisett in 1995 where he lettered in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. He was captain of all three teams, and was named MVP of his cross country squad as well as a **SouthCoast Conference All-Star.**

ORR Soccer Boosters

The Old Rochester Regional High School **Soccer Booster Club** is happy to announce their Ninth Annual **Yard Sale** to be held on **Sunday, October 4** at the Salvation Army parking lot on Route 6 in Mattapoisett from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Once again they will have a

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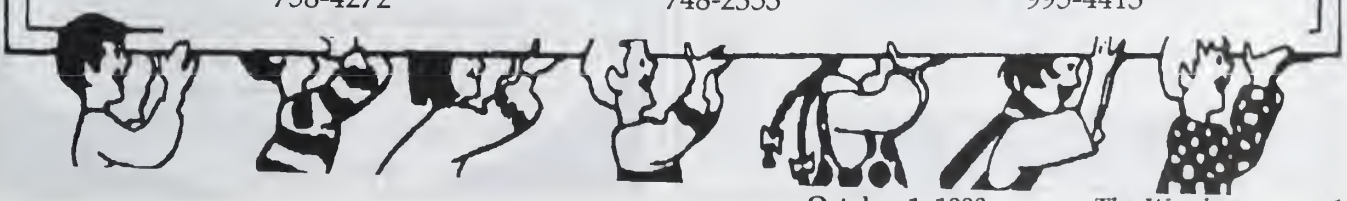

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Little Harbor Championships

The **Little Harbor Country Club** in Wareham recently held the **Club Championships** for 1998. Winners in each category are as follows:

- Men's Championship Flight - **Steve Radcliffe**; Runner Up (tie): **Joe Jenks** and **Mike Mann**;
- Men's "A" Flight - **Dave O'Neil**; Runner Up: **Cliff Watts**;
- Men's "B" Flight - **George Taber**; Runner Up: **Ed Batterton**;
- Men's Senior Flight - **Gil Forend**; Runner Up: **Ben Tobey**;
- Ladies' Championship Flight - **Kathy Milan**; Runner Up: **Lee Guerin**;
- Ladies "A" Flight - **Lorraine Smith**; Runner Up: **Judy Niemi**.

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To the Editor:

[Editor's Note: In honor of National Fire Prevention Week next week, the following piece was submitted for publication.]

I wish you could see the sadness of a business man as his livelihood goes up in flames or that family returning home, only to find their house and belongings damaged or destroyed.

I wish you could know what it is to search a burning bedroom for trapped children, flames rolling above your head, your palms and knees burning as you crawl, the floor sagging under your weight as the kitchen beneath you burns.

I wish you could comprehend a wife's horror at 3 a.m. as I check her husband of forty years for a pulse and find none. I start CPR anyway, hoping against hope to bring him back, knowing intuitively it is too late, but wanting his wife and family to know everything possible was done.

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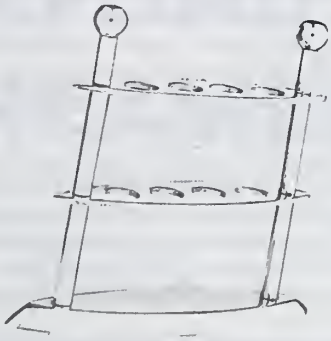

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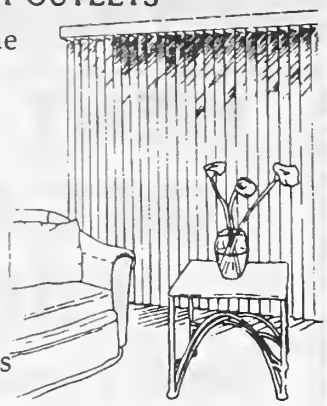

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I wish you could understand how it feels to go to work in the morning after spending most of the night, hot and soaking wet at a multiple alarm fire.

I wish you could read my mind as I respond to a building fire, "Is this a false alarm or a working, breathing fire? How is the building constructed? What hazards await me? Is anyone trapped?" Or an EMS call, "What is wrong with the patient? Is it minor or life-threatening? Is the caller really in distress or is he waiting for us with a 2x4 or gun?"

I wish you could be in the emergency room as the doctor pronounces the beautiful five-year-old girl that I have been trying to save during the past twenty-five minutes, who will never go on her first date or say the words "I love you, mommy!" again.

I wish you could know the frustration I feel in the cab of the engine, the driver with his foot pressing down hard on the pedal, my arm tugging again and again at the air horn chain, as you fail to yield the right-of-way at an intersection or in traffic. When you need us, however, your first comment upon our arrival will be, "It took you forever to get here!"

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I wish you could realize the physical, emotional and mental drain of missed meals, lost sleep and forgone social activities, in addition to all the tragedy my eyes have viewed.

I wish you could know the brotherhood and self-satisfaction of helping save a life or preserving someone's property, of being there in times of crisis, of creating order from total chaos.

I wish you could understand what it feels like to have a little boy tugging on your arm and asking, "Is mommy okay?" Not even being able to look in his eyes without tears falling from your own and not knowing what to say. Or to have to hold back a longtime friend who watches his buddy having rescue

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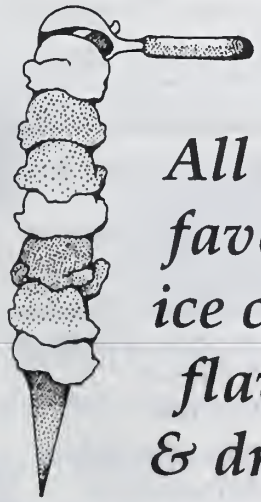

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breathing done on him as they take him away in the ambulance. You knowing all along he did not have his seat belt on ... sensations I have become too familiar with.

Unless you have lived this kind of life, you will never truly understand or appreciate who I am, what we are, or what our job really means to us. I WISH YOU COULD!

Author Unknown

To the Editor:

What an insulting slap in the face to all veterans the new gun law is. It takes effect on October 23, 1998. After that date, the legislature and the acting governor have decided that all the good veterans can no longer be trusted to carry EMPTY firearms even in their parade on November 11. Picture how ridiculous this will look: they are only to be permitted to carry them in cases. What kind of honor and tribute to their sacrifices will this be? They were good enough to carry a gun to be put in harm's way. Are they suddenly people who can no longer be trusted back home? This is shameful!

To those who believed all the lies that were told to support this bill; now you can see just one of the hundreds of shameful results of that legislation that will be doing harm to good citizens. Were you warned that this will be the begining of a police state in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts? Do you wonder what right might be the next to go? You'd better! Think on these things when you go to vote in November.

Sincerely,
Heather G. Bare
Rochester

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School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee meetings for the month of October. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are slated to begin at 7:30 pm:

• Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm - Marion School Committee at Sippican School;

• Tuesday, October 13 - ORR District School Committee at ORR High School;

• Thursday, October 15 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School;

• Monday, October 19 - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;

• Tuesday, October 27 - ORR School Committee and Massachusetts Superintendency Union No. 55 at ORR High School.

ORR College Mini Fair

On Monday, October 5, Old Rochester Regional High School will host the first of two college mini fairs. Approximately 40 colleges will be visiting ORR and parents are invited to attend from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the school gymnasium. All juniors and seniors will be scheduled to meet with college representatives, and the

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Mattapoisett Historical Society

Trip to Bourne

On Sunday, October 4, the Mattapoisett Historical Society will sponsor an afternoon bus trip to the Aptuxcet Trading Post in Bourne. This first-known commercial enterprise in North America was established in 1627 by Pilgrims from Plimoth Plantation. The building seen today is a replica erected on the original foundation archeologically excavated in the 1920's.

The bus will leave from the Park and Ride lot on North Street at 1:00 pm on October 4 and return about 4:00 pm. The fee for this trip, including transportation and entrance fee, is $10 for Historical Society members and $12 for non-members. Space is limited to 25, and advanced reservations are required. To reserve a seat, please call the museum at 758-2844. The deadline for reservations is October 1.

Marion Town Clerk

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming State Election is Wednesday, October 14. The Marion Town Clerk's office will be open that day for voter registration from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. The State Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3 in the Sippican School Gymnasium from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Voters may register by mail using mail-in forms which are available throughout the state or during regular Town House business hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; and Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Rochester Woman's Club

Rummage Sale

The Rochester Woman's Club will be having its Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sunday, October 4 from 10:00 am to 12:00

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noon will be their "Dollar A Bag" Sale. Food will be served at the club house, which is located on Route 105 (Marion Road) in Rochester.

Monthly Meeting

The Rochester Woman's Club's next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 pm. Following the regular business meeting, the guest speaker will be Alicia Gray. Alicia has recently spent three years in Bolivia, South America with the Peace Corps and she will speak on her experiences and show pictures and answer questions. The public is cordially invited to attend. The club house is located on Route 105 (Marion Road) in Rochester, and Ms. Gray's talk will begin at 8:00 pm.

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers next monthly dance will be held on October 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road. The level will be mainstream-plus and for more information you can call 995-2209.

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Cats that eat their food very rapidly and then vomit need to have their food intake slowed down. Try covering the food with 2-4 golf bals. The cat will have to nudge the balls out of the way to get a mouhful and this will slow down their eating. Changing from dry to canned food may also help but will make more of a mess if it doesn't stay down.

My other cat has always vomited 3-4 times a week. She vomits food sometimes and just yellow frothy bile at others. Occasionally there is a clump of hair in the vomit. She seems healthy and happy otherwise. What can I do to help her?

This may be more difficult to manage. Cats with this pattern of vomiting may have a number of problems. Two of the more common are bacterial infection in the stomach caused by Helicobacter felis and a condition called inflammatory bowel disease. Try changing your cats diet to a different kind of food. Often the use of a premium cat food will help. If 2-3 diet changes over a couple of months is not helpful, discuss the problem with your veterinarian.

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- Orange Team - Christopher Mello and Shannon Rounseville;
- Blue Team - Morgan Johnson and John Ogren;
- Red Team - Katherine Hagemann and Kyle Bono.

Mattapoisett Senior Club

The monthly meeting of the Mattapoisett Seniors will be held on Thursday, October 8 at the Mattapoisett Senior Center in the Knights of Columbus Building on Route 6. There will be a lovely door prize to be won by a lucky member so be sure to attend. Friends and guests are always welcome.

Christmas Creche Sale

Nativity sets from around the world will be sold at St. Rita's Church in Marion for the benefit of roof repairs. Featured will be handcrafted creches from Peru, Russia, Hungary, Armenia, Mexico, China, Germany, Poland, Ireland, and the United States. Some collectibles are also available as well as nativity-related children's books, advent calendars, and ornaments.

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Childhood Council Meeting

On Monday, October 19 beginning at 6:00 pm, the Tri-Town Early Childhood Advisory Council will meet at Center School in Mattapoisett to hold its annual meeting. Election of officers and new members will take place at this meeting. The council oversees the work of Community Partnerships for Children, a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education which is intended to increase the affordability and accessibility of early care and education programs from three- and four-year-olds as well as to provide support to families raising young children. An overview of council projects will also be presented and members will organize into subcommittees and plan their work for the year. For more information, please call the office of Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator, at 748-1863.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The monthly meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, October 15 at Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church at 12:00 noon. Sandwiches and desserts will be served, followed by the business meeting and monthly program.

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Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. Special interest groups also meet at various times during the month. For further information, please contact Judy at 758-9505.

Sippican Seniors

The next regular meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be held on Friday, October 9 at 1:30 pm at the VFW Hall on Route 6 in Marion. Entertainment will be provided by Michael Vasicek, a jazz guitarist, with songs from the '20's, '30's and '40's, followed by refreshments. Beverly's Boutique welcomes items for her table and members are invited to browse.

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 am on Monday, October 5 at the Drop-In Center.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

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Organizations and individuals interested in applying for grants may secure applications and guidelines from the Selectmen's office at the Mattapoisett Town Hall. The application deadline is October 15, 1998.

The applications approved by the local cultural councils are then forwarded to the state for final approval. If you have any questions, please contact Lois Murray, Chairman, at 758-4949.

Russell Memorial Library

Pre-School Story Hour

Registrations are now being accepted for Pre-School Story Hour to be held on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:15 pm for Acushnet residents, ages 3, 4 and 5. Parents are asked to remain at the library during the entire session and will help their child with a simple craft.

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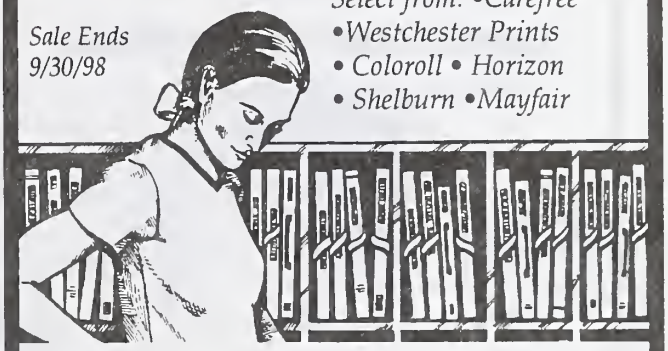

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October 14: It's So Silly; October 28: Scary Halloween; November 4: Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!; November 18: Let Us Give Thanks; December 9: Going to the Dogs; and December 16: Happy Holidays!

A reminder that the library is now open Monday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Also, they have internet access available for patrons.

Zoo Passes

The Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet now has passes available for the Roger Williams Zoo. These passes are available year-round. Upon presentation of the library pass to the zoo cashier, any combination of four adults and/or children will pay only the discount rate for admission. The rate is $1.75 per child (3 to 12) and senior (62 and up), and $3 per adult.

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of October will be held on Wednesday, October 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

History Program at Center School

On Thursday, October 8, students at Center School in Mattapoisett will participate in a unique educational performing arts event with Promised Land, appearing in a program titled "Promised Land." This program is presented under the auspices of Young Audiences of Massachusetts. Funding for this program comes from a number of sources, including the school or its parent/teacher organization.

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Young Audiences of Massachusetts, part of a national non-profit arts-in-education organization, is dedicated to providing the best in live music, dance, theater, and multicultural programs to students throughout the state.

ORR Special Education Council

The ORR Special Education Parent Advisory Council is a group of concerned parents who act as an advisory group to the Special Education Director. They also provide educational support and information to parents of children with special needs. A third goal of this council, through their fund-raising efforts, is providing annual scholarships to three students in the ORR School District.

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The ORR Special Education Parent Advisory Council encourages all parents to join their efforts to share information, offer resources, and work to provide the best possible educational experience for all of our children. Please come to the workshops this year — the dates, topics, and times are listed below. Participants who attend two or more sessions receive PDP's (Professional Development Points).

The regular meetings for the 1998-1999 school year of the ORR and Union 55 School District Special Parent Advisory Council (PAC) are:

• Wednesday, November 18 - "Providing Therapy from a Clinical Perspective";

• Wednesday, January 20 - "Recreational Activities for Children with Disabilities";

• Wednesday, March 24 - "Everything You Need to Know About TEAM Meetings";

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All meetings will be held in the Cafetorium of ORR Junior High School from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. All parents of students with Special Needs, and those interested in the special education programs in the tri-town area, are invited to attend. For further information, please call the Special Education Office at 748-2192 or one of the following: Sandra Kinney (Marion Chairman) at 748-2836, Jim Muse (Mattapoisett Chairman) at 758-2616, Cynthia Atwood (Rochester Chairman) at 763-3894, or Gail McSwiggan (ORR Chairman) at 758-4354.

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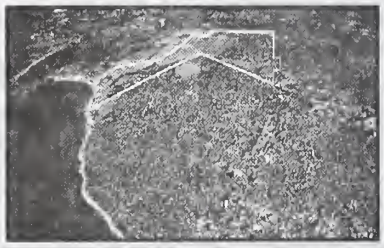

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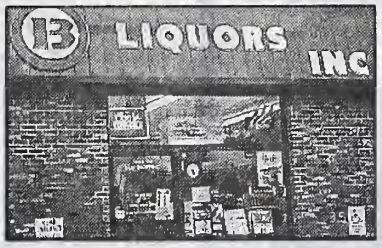

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The first rehearsal will be held on Friday, October 9 from 11:10 am to 11:55 am in the Center School Auditorium. If you have any questions, please call Ms. West at Center School at 758-2521. All are welcome and you are encouraged to bring a friend!

Fairhaven High School

Spain Trip

All area high school students are invited to apply for Fairhaven High School's trip to Spain. The tentative departure date is April 14, 1999 and the trip will include Gijon/Madrid or Sevilla/Madrid. Students will stay in dormitories with Spanish classes in the morning and stay in a hotel in Madrid. No knowledge of Spanish is necessary and classes will be divided into beginner and intermediate groups.

For further information, please contact: Eileen Girouard, Department of World Languages, Fairhaven High School at 979-4050 or 979-4051.

Band Discount Cards

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Friends of the Elderly - Mattapoisett

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett was held on September 14. Among the many things discussed was the need to find what seniors of Mattapoisett would like to see improved at the Senior Center. Any input is greatly appreciated. The new slate of officers for the year is as follows:

Ginny Lubker, President; Priscilla Tinkham Webster, Vice President; Dorothy Lewis, Secretary; and Peter Paige, Treasurer. Marilyn Flood was elected as a new member to the Board of Directors.

Mattapoisett Commission Seeks Logo

The Mattapoisett Commission on Disabilities (COD) is having a contest to choose a new logo for the commission. The new logo will become an important symbol for the group and will be used on all town publications. This contest is open to all tri-town residents.

The international symbol is the wheelchair. The commission would like ideas that are not limited to just the wheelchair. The logo should incorporate the blind,

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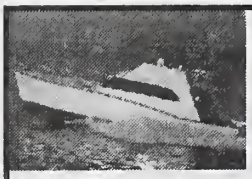
Entries are to be sent to: COD, P.O. Box 832, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The deadline for all entries is October 31, 1998. Members of the COD will judge the entries and names and phone numbers are to be printed on the back of the entry. All entries become the property of COD and will not be returned.

Clean-Up Study in Fairhaven

On October 1, Sea Change, Inc., an independent environmental analysis group, will present its evaluations



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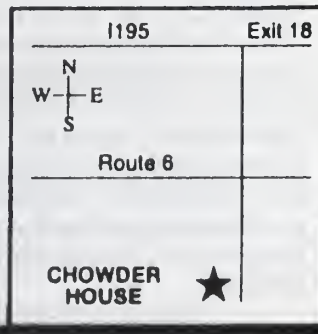

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of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Feasibility Study setting forth the options for cleaning up the Atlas Tack Superfund site in Fairhaven. The Sea Change scientists will also conduct a workshop in which they will help the public frame questions to submit to the EPA during the agency's Public Comment Period on the proposed clean-up of Atlas Tack.

The scientists will list options put forth by the agency in the Feasibility Study, point out the advantages and drawbacks of each plan, and then work with the members of the audience to assist them in framing their own questions for the agency. The workshop and presentation on Atlas Tack will take place at the Fairhaven Town Hall at 7:30 pm on October 1 and the public is invited to attend.

Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 7 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Seth Mendell, President of the Mattapoisett Historical Society. Seth will present "Part II of the History of Mattapoisett, 1750 - 1812."

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on October 5. Last-minute changes and reservations can be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

Marion Council on Aging

Podiatry Clinic

A Podiatry Clinic will be held on October 1 at the Senior Drop-In Center. Please call the COA for an appointment with Dr. Lucarelli.

Friendly Visitor

Would like a friendly phone call or know someone who would? The Marion COA now has a friendly visitor. Lillian Dauksewicz is available on Tuesday and Thursday for a friendly chat or visit.

Discount Tickets

The Marion COA has a limited number of discount tickets to performances at the Zeiterion Theater for seniors.

Mattapoisett Recycling Program

Curbside recycling pick-up in Mattapoisett is done on a biweekly basis. You may leave the following items for collection:

- Plastic containers (including all plastic milk, juice and water jugs, and both #1 and #2 plastic), but no plastic bags or no #3 through #7 plastic containers;
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Please note that all containers must be thoroughly cleaned, all caps, rings, lids and styrofoam labels must be removed (paper labels may stay on), and you should place containers in bag to protect against weather — but do not tie the bag closed!

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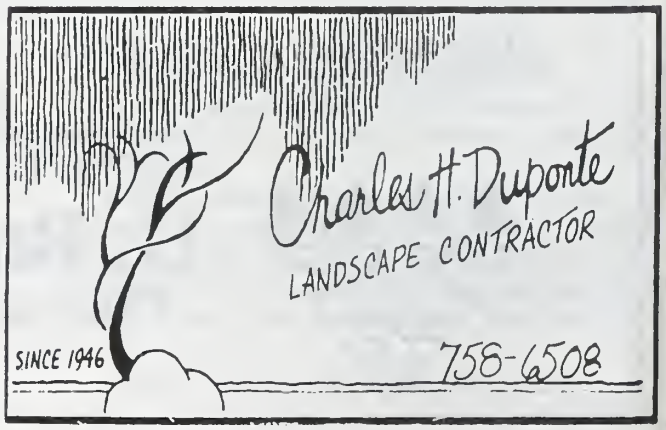
Households in Mattapoisett without a blue recycling bin should call the Board of Health, as additional bins are available. For fee structures and further information on recycling, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health office at 758-4112.

Flu Clinic in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Board of Health will sponsor a Flu Immunization Clinic on Thursday, October 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Senior Center which is located in the lower level of the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. A donation of $1 is requested per person. Any homebound Mattapoisett resident who would like a flu shot at home should call the Public Health Nurse at 758-4118 to set up a convenient time to receive the flu shot at home.

Mattapoisett Beach Cleanup

The Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop will be



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Courses range from $135 to FREE and scholarships are available on a limited basis. Senior students, age 65 and older, are granted 50 percent discounts. Courses are held at community locations throughout the SouthCoast area, including local libraries, churches, museums, workplaces, media offices, hospitals, schools, and civic organizations. Courses are scheduled on both weekdays and weekends, daytime and evening. Scheduling is based on the instructor, audience, and classroom site.

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Planning Day in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee needs your help on "Planning Day," which will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Cefeteria. Residents, business people, public officials, and community organizations are encouraged to attend the session, which will discuss such topics as visions for our future, problems and opportunities, priority goals and objectives, and planning strategies.

Registration will begin at 8:00 am, followed by a welcome and orientation at 8:30 am. Session #1 will begin at 9:00 am and focus on top planning issues and "visioning" for the future. At 11:00 am, participants will learn what solutions other towns have found successful in dealing with similar planning problems.

After lunch, at 1:00 pm, participants in Session #2 will form groups on a neighborhood basis and hammer out goals and objectives for their own part of town. After a short break at 3:00 pm, participants will regroup on a topical basis for Session #3, to consider implementation strategies. Each group will present and discuss their results following each of these three sessions. The primary

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■ *Ronin*. Starring Robert De Niro, Jean Reno, and Jonathan Pryce. Directed by John Frankenheimer. Running time: 121 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

Ronin is what you've been waiting for. If you've sat, bored and resentful, through any number of Hollywood "thrillers" weighed down by one incompetent decision after another, *Ronin* is the movie you really wanted. The movie is unapologetically pulpy — it even includes several examples of Roger Ebert's famous Fruit Cart cliché — but it's a beautiful piece of work: elegant without being ponderous, complex without being complicated. It's also a triumphant return to form by director John Frankenheimer, whose *The Manchurian Candidate* is now considered one of the great American films. *Ronin* isn't quite in that league, but at least it's playing the same sport.

In Paris, a motley group of mercenaries are assembled. Their mission, should they choose to accept it: find a gray metal suitcase and steal it. Any questions? The bare-bones abstractness of *Ronin* has a rigorous purity that the long and boring *Heat*, a three-hour epic about a cop trying to catch a thief, could only dream of. I'd call the movie meat-and-potatoes, except its flavor is too European for that. With its international cast, art-house feel (cinematographer Robert Fraisse and composer Elia Cmiral can take a bow), and steady pulse, *Ronin* is like an amped-up '90's rewrite of the '60's cool-crime movies of Jean-Pierre Melville and Seijun Suzuki. Not to mention *The Usual Suspects* , John Woo, and everything in between.

The script, by J.D. Zeik (who conceived the story) and David Mamet (who reportedly did a page-one rewrite and took a screen credit as "Richard Weisz"), sketches in the characters: Sam (Robert De Niro), the ex-CIA agent whose antennae are always tuned to danger; Vincent (Jean Reno), a French mercenary; Gregor (Stellan Skarsgård), a deadpan assassin; Dierdre (Natascha McElhone), the Irish arranger who sets everything up; and Seamus (Jonathan Pryce), who's connected to Dierdre somehow. The characters are underwritten, but in a way that allows the actors to fill in the blanks

— a dangerous move when attempted by filmmakers and actors who don't know what they're doing.

The result here is casual magic. Frankenheimer alternates between bang-up action and relaxed dialogue scenes; the connection between the two is the movie's general loose rhythm. De Niro and Reno are as plausible sipping coffee together (they're like working stiffs after a long day at the office) as they are driving a speeding car through the tunnels of Paris. *Ronin* shrugs at its own professional crispness, like an assassin who's no longer impressed by his way with a rifle. On every level, the movie is smoothly underplayed, and the climactic explosive moments really count for something. The events unfold with a neat precision that has to be part Mamet and part Frankenheimer — who turn out to be a dream team.

I never thought car chases could do anything but bore me any more, but *Ronin* sports some of the most electrifying set pieces since the *Mad Max* series. The exhilaration comes not from the excessiveness of the destruction but from the snappy rhythm of it, the clear God's-eye view of who's where and which collisions follow from other collisions. The result is what's often referred to as "pure cinema," and the label fits *Ronin* snugly. John Frankenheimer is 68 now, and young pups like Michael Bay could learn a lot from this old hand. *Ronin* feels like the work of a fresh new talent, as, in a sense, it is: Despite enjoyable oddities like 1996's *Island of Dr. Moreau* and taut HBO films like 1994's *Against the Wall*, Frankenheimer hasn't had the success or acclaim he's deserved, or the right projects for his skills. It's good to have him back, and great to see him working with such confidence and class.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:30
Ronin (R) – Fri: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00;
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Saving Private Ryan (R) – Fri: 3:15, 6:30, 9:45;
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The Parent Trap (PG) – 1:20, 4:00
There's Something About Mary (R) – 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
Simon Birch (PG) – 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
Night at the Roxbury (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
Halloween H20 (R) – 7:10, 9:00
What Dreams May Come (PG-13) – 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:40, 6:30, 7:10, 8:50, 9:30
Slums of Beverly Hills (R) – 6:50, 8:50
The Mask of Zorro (PG-13) – 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
Ever After (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00
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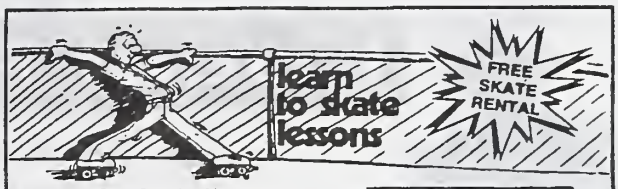

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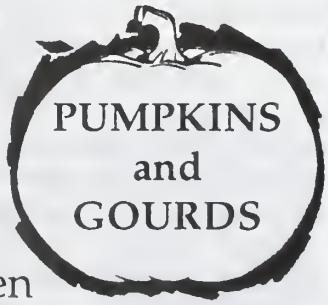

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Local Police Logs

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 20 through September 26, 1998:

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- Spring Street – protective custody
- Front Street – animal complaint
- River Road – lost property
- County Road – animal complaint
- Delano Road – family offense/adult arrest (assault and battery, resisting arrest, threatening to commit a crime: to wit, murder)
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – officer wanted
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Delano Road – officer wanted
- Ryders Lane – medical emergency
- Main Street – found property
- Mill Street – officer wanted
- Front Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, operating with suspended registration, operating uninsured motor vehicle)
- Hill Street – family disturbance
- Mattapoisett Referral – annoying phone calls
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Converse Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Front Street – officer wanted
- Cottage Street – officer wanted.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 20 through September 26, 1998:

- North Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- County Road – larceny by check
- County Road – returned property
- Ocean View Avenue – disturbance/house party/loud music
- Water Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street – harassing phone calls
- County Road – returned property
- Brandt Island Road – vandalism/property damage/destruction of surveyor stakes
- Brandt Island Road – larceny/theft from building of returnable bottles
- Brandt Island Road – suspicious activity/persons
- Noyes Avenue – speeding complaint
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage to sign
- Mariners Way – missing cat
- River Road – grill fire reported
- Water Street – vandalism to motor vehicle
- Reservation Road – vandalism/graffiti
- Hillside Avenue – barking dog complaint
- Crystal Spring Road – harassing phone calls
- County Road – youths in street
- Driscoll Lane – suspicious activity/someone ringing door bell
- Park Street – loose dog in yard
- Mattapoisett Neck Road - party locked out of house.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 22 through September 29, 1998:

- Snipatuit Road – bus fight
- Quaker Lane – loose cows
- Outdoor World – officer wanted
- Gerrish Road – motor vehicle accident
- Taber Lane – animal complaint
- Mary's Pond Road – breaking and entering/past
- Mary's Pond Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Snipatuit Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Murphy's Auto Salvage – larceny
- Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
- Taber Lane – animal complaint
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Cushman Road – suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Road – animal complaint
- Memorial School – disturbance/fight
- County Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Taber Lane – officer wanted
- Sippican Estates – officer wanted
- Stuart Road – adult arrest (warrant)
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- Taber Lane – animal complaint
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Tuesday, October 6 — Chicken patty on a bun, turkey sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, October 7 — Steak'Ums, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, October 8 — Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, French fries, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, October 9 — Pizzeria pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday, October 5 — Turkey a-la King with peas, whipped potatoes, dinner roll, chocolate pudding.
Tuesday, October 6 — Shells with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, scali bread, chilled fruit.
Wednesday, October 7 — Chicken patty with supreme sauce, confetti rice, green beans, whole wheat roll, cinnamon streusel.
Thursday, October 8 — Meat loaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.
Friday, October 9 — Breaded fish with tartar sauce, Lyonnaise potatoes, zucchini and summer squash, multi-grain roll, chilled fruit.

CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, October 5 — Chicken nuggets or ham and cheese pocket/roll, potato puffs, carrots, soup, chilled fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, October 6 — Toasted cheese or Steak'Um, soup, tossed salad, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
Wednesday, October 7 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, or tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, chilled fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, October 8 — Hamburger/Cheeseburger or chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce/tomato, crispy oven fries, veggie sticks, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
Friday, October 9 — Cheese pizza, or turkey pocket, tossed salad, chilled fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

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Monday, October 5 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, Steak'Um and cheese sub, baked pork chop, gravy, steamed rice, green beans, chilled pear, grape jello with topping.
Tuesday, October 6 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled applesauce, oatmeal cookies.
Wednesday, October 7 — Chicken patty club, hot ham and cheese, pot roast with gravy, whipped potato, corn, chilled pineapple, sweet potato pie with topping.
Thursday, October 8 — Sausage with spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, "hero" sub, salad, carrot sticks, chilled applesauce, peanut butter brownie.
Friday, October 9 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, October 5 — Cheeseburger on a bun, ham sandwich, French fries, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday, October 6 — Chicken patty on a bun, turkey sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, October 7 — Steak'Ums, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, October 8 — Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, French fries, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, October 9 — Pizzeria pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, October 5 — Chicken nuggets or ham and cheese pocket/roll, potato puffs, carrots, soup, chilled fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, October 6 — Toasted cheese or Steak'Um, soup, tossed salad, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
Wednesday, October 7 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, or tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, chilled fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, October 8 — Hamburger/Cheeseburger or chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce/tomato, crispy oven fries, veggie sticks, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
Friday, October 9 — Cheese pizza, or turkey pocket, tossed salad, chilled fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOC-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, October 5 — Rib-b-que, pretzels, mixed vegetables, chocolate whipped creme cake.
Tuesday, October 6 — Chicken nuggets, French fries, cranberry sauce, carrots, bread, sliced pears.
Wednesday, October 7 — Juice, cheeseburger, potato chips, corn, cookie.
Thursday, October 8 — Swedish meatballs, noodles, roll, peas, applesauce, pudding.
Friday, October 9 — Beef vegetable soup, pizza, or seafood salad roll, potato puffs, green beans, assorted dessert.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, October 5 — Chicken nuggets or ham and cheese pocket/roll, potato puffs, carrots, soup, chilled fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, October 6 — Toasted cheese or Steak'Um, soup, tossed salad, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
Wednesday, October 7 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, or tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, chilled fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, October 8 — Hamburger/Cheeseburger or chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce/tomato, crispy oven fries, veggie sticks, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
Friday, October 9 — Cheese pizza, or turkey pocket, tossed salad, chilled fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, October 5 — Soup, pastrami with cheese, or chicken fritters, pickles, puffs, fruit, juice or milk.
Tuesday, October 6 — Soup, assorted pizza, chicken salad, or turkey salad pocket, dessert, fruit, juice or milk.
Wednesday, October 7 — American chop suey, chicken burger, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.
Thursday, October 8 — Soup, chicken fajita in soft taco shell, or linguiça roll, lettuce, tomato, nachos, dessert, juice or milk.
Friday, October 9 — Sloppy Joe, or ham and cheese croissant, green beans, celery sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, October 5 — Chicken nuggets or ham and cheese pocket/roll, potato puffs, carrots, soup, chilled fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, October 6 — Toasted cheese or Steak'Um, soup, tossed salad, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
Wednesday, October 7 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, or tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, chilled fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, October 8 — Hamburger/Cheeseburger or chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce/tomato, crispy oven fries, veggie sticks, chilled fruit, jello, milk.
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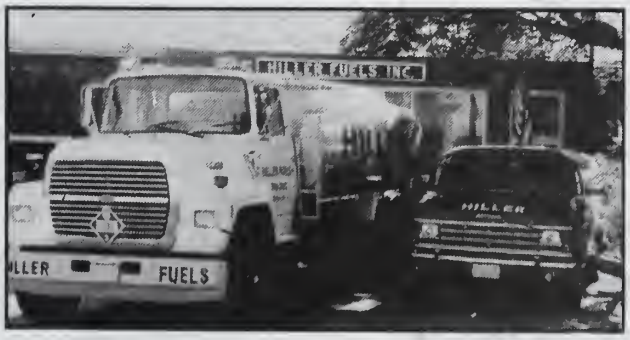

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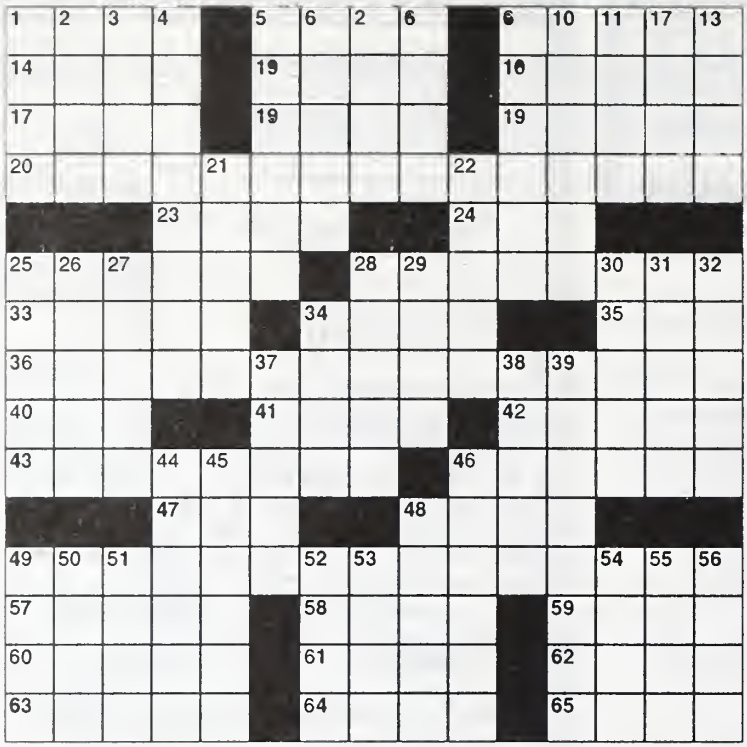

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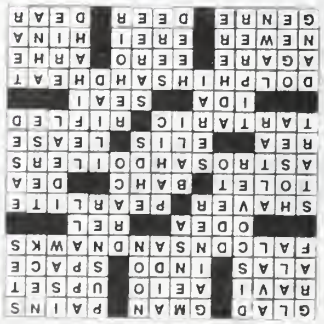

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You're hot with the moon in your sign, but you're running into opposition anyway. Get used to it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Watch out for a person with a hot temper. Give that one lots of room. You're strong and getting even stronger.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Your friends are there for you, but they could interfere with your love life. You're under pressure to perform to rigid standards.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). An older person's a real pain, but don't mention it. You'll just make matters worse. Make time for your friends. They've been missing you, and vice versa.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Travel and romance are favored. If you get the day off, congratulations. A tough old cookie is watching you pretty closely.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Get your money into order so you can try something bold. You'll be feeling more outrageous, a condition that extends for the next several weeks.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A confrontation causes you to take action in a direction you didn't expect. You may have to hustle to figure out how you're going to pay for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't give in to panic if the work's too tough. It'll start making sense, and you'll start seeing results.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Play with love and you'll win. Don't goof around, however. Schedule your dates and give yourself plenty of time to talk.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Spend time fixing up something in your place that got broken. The fog will clear and it'll be easy to spot the problem areas. No need to talk about it. Your actions will speak louder than words.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb.18). Gather information so you can make your big decision. Lenders will be more willing to part with their money, if that's a consideration.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Better balance the checkbook before you pay the bills. If you wait to do your shopping, you'll find better deals, mainly because you'll be looking for them.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Romance looks very good this year, although it might turn out differently than you expected. A change in your own attitude is pivotal.

individuals interested in applying for grants for projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences that have a public benefit. The local council's grant allocation comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which receives its funding from the State Legislature. The local council is run by municipally-appointed community volunteers who review the grant applications. There will be a new set of guidelines attached to the applications. October 15, 1998 is the statewide deadline for all Cultural Councils to accept applications.

Mattapoisett Veterans Survey

The Veterans Office is conducting a survey of all veterans residing in the Town of Mattapoisett. The purpose of this survey is to establish a current database of veterans in town which will enable the veterans office to better service them. All residents should have received a copy of the survey last week. All Mattapoisett veterans are encouraged to complete the form and return it to the Veterans Office by October 15, 1998. All information obtained is confidential under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 51. If you did not receive the survey or should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Veterans Office, Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at 758-4114.

Mattapoisett Fire Department

The Mattapoisett Fire Department's Student Awareness Fire Education (SAFE) Program is participating in the first-ever North American Fire Drill. Fire Departments from all across the United States are being asked to take part in "The Great Escape," which will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Fire Station. The event will be immediately followed by an Open House of the facility at 7:00 pm.

After the recent horrible fire in nearby New Bedford took the lives of an entire family, it seems more important than ever that every child in town know a safe way out of their house and how to find a mutual meeting place. The Mattapoisett Fire Department would like to give each and every child that participates in "The Great Escape" a special tee-shirt which designates them as a

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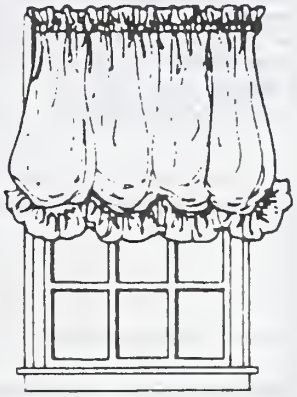

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ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#698 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Annie Maxim House, Inc., owner, Hearts & Hands, Inc., petitioner who are seeking a use variance under Section VII.D.6. of protective bylaws. Property is located at 707 North Avenue; assessors plan 25 lot 6. Public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, October 22, 1998 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way..
Charles Wolf, Chariman 10/01, 10/08

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing to review the adoption of the proposed zoning map of the Town of Rochester, dated November 16, 1999, as amended. A public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA. The proposed zoning map may be reviewed in the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.
Janice M. Crook, Chairman 09/24, 10/01

He's Back...

That's right, due to popular demand the "Great Aardvark Search" is back and we have new prizes! For 12 weeks (Sept. 24-Dec. 17) we will be giving away the aardvark's cousin, "Ants the Anteater" an original TY Beanie Baby. After the last week, all entries will be put into a final drawing for "Glory" also a TY original, just in time for Christmas!

For those of you not familiar with this practice, here's how it works. Each week we hide a little aardvark (shown above, actual size) somewhere in the newspaper (not counting the aardvark above). If you find him (or even if you don't) you can send in a postcard with your name and phone number to the address below to enter our Aardvark Drawing! Send entries to: Aardvark, P.O.. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Enter as many times as you like, you can only win once. A list of winners is available at our office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett. We can not answer questions about the giveaway over the telephone, if you win we will notify you.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing to review the proposed Phase Development By-Law on Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 7:15pm in the Conference Room of Rochester Town Hall. Copies of the Proposed Phase Development By-Law are available or may be obtained at the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.
Janice M. Crook, Chairman 09/24, 10/01

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held upon the petition of ComElectric for the location of three (3) pole locations on Brandt Island Road, Mattapoisett. Hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room on Tuesday, October 20, 1998 at 7:30pm
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman
Michele C. Bernier, Clerk
Barry J. Denham

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
INVITATION TO BID
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROOF

The Chief Procurement Officer will accept bids for roof repairs to the town's Highway Department located on Mendall Road.

Bids will be accepted in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett until 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 1998. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid - Highway Department Roof." Specifications may be obtained by contacting Andrew J. Bobola, Inspector of Buildings at 508-758-4116.

The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and to award the bid to other than the lowest bidder if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Mattapoisett.
Michele C. Bernier
Chief Procurement Officer

THE WORD GUY

By Rob Kyff

What do the words "lothario," "braggadocio," "mascot" and "ignoramus" have in common? And, no, this doesn't have anything to do with your spouse's relatives.

They're all words derived from literary or theatrical characters.

The "lothario" scenario: In Nicholas Rowe's 1703 play, *"The Fair Penitent,"* Lothario is an amorous rake who seduces many women. One of his conquests, the beautiful Calista, repents of her infidelity and becomes the fair penitent of the title.

Thanks to this play, "Lothario" soon became a common term for any playboy. Herman Melville even used it in his novel *"Moby Dick"* to describe a frisky male whale who leaves pods of blubbering females in his wake.

Another scoundrel, Braggadochio, is a swaggering braggart in Edmund Spenser's allegorical romance *"The Faerie Queene."* Revealed as a coward, Braggadochio is stripped of all his glories: his shield, his lady, his horse, his squire, his beard, his cell phone.

You have to be pretty braggadocious to lower the reputation of braggarts, but Braggadochio does it. Today we still call any boastful person a "braggadocio," though the term is sometimes mistaken for an ice cream flavor.

In the 1880 French opera *"La Mascotte"* (*"Sorcerer's Charm"*), the title character, Bettina, is a peppy cheerleader type who brings good luck to the city of Pisa, which, considering the tilt of its tower, needed it.

English picked up the term from this popular opera, changing its spelling to "mascot" and its meaning to "a college kid in some goofy animal costume."

"Ignoramus," meaning "we do not know" in Latin, is the title character in a 1615 Cambridge University farce by George Ruggle. A foolish magistrate for the town of Cambridge, Ignoramus not only knows nothing; he doesn't even know he knows nothing.

Bad combination. For Ignoramus it brings beatings, rejection in love, a shrewish wife, possession by evil spirits and confinement to a monastery, which, considering his previous life, must have been something of a relief.

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If you have any questions regarding "The Great Escape" or the forthcoming Open House, please contact Flo Dubois at the Mattapoisett Fire Department between 8:00 and 11:00 am at 758-4150.

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Creamy Mushrooms
By Deanna Gugel

2 pounds mushrooms
1 clove garlic
1/4 small white onion
5 T butter
1-1/2 T flour
1-1/2 cup light cream
1 T dry sherry
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. sweet basil
1/8 tsp. white pepper
1/2 tsp. lemon juice

Dice the onion into generous pieces and set aside. Clean the mushrooms by rinsing them thoroughly and patting them dry with a paper towel. Cut off the stems and discard them or save for another dish. Chop the caps into quarters and set aside. In a large saucepan, melt the butter and stir in the onions, cooking until crispy tender. Add the mushrooms and cook about 10 minutes, or until the cap pieces turn lightly golden. Stir in the flour, mixing constantly until the ingredients are well mixed. Reduce the heat on your range top to low and add the cream, white pepper, sherry, crushed garlic clove and sweet basil. Warm for 15 to 18 minutes, stirring constantly. Do not allow the cream to boil or it will spoil the flavor. Stir in the salt and lemon juice and warm until thoroughly heated. These creamy mushrooms will add a French gourmet touch to your meal and may be served as a side dish or prepared to spoon over rice, chicken, beef or pork entrees.

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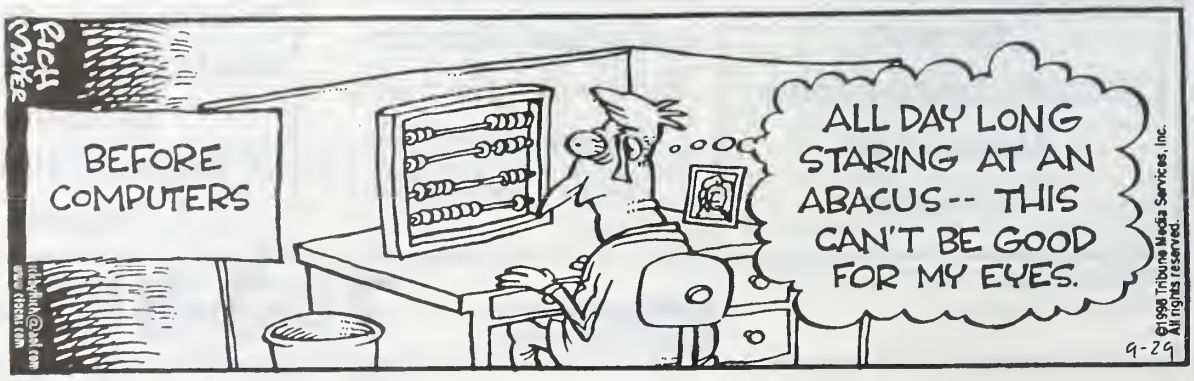

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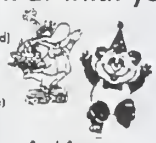

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October 1:	Thur.	4:40	5:04	9:53	10:43
October 2:	Fri.	5:33	5:56	11:02	11:40
October 3:	Sat.	6:23	6:46	. . .	12:03
October 4:	Sun.	7:11	7:34	12:31	12:57
October 5:	Mon.	7:59	8:23	1:19	1:49
October 6:	Tues.	8:47	9:11	2:06	2:39
October 7:	Wed.	9:36	10:01	2:06	2:39
October 8:	Thur.	10:28	10:53	3:40	4:21
October 9:	Fri.	11:20	11:47	4:28	5:14
October 10:	Sat.	. . .	12:16	5:19	6:12
October 11:	Sun.	12:45	1:16	6:16	7:20
October 12:	Mon.	1:48	2:19	7:22	8:45
October 13:	Tues.	2:52	3:22	8:48	10:10
October 14:	Wed.	3:55	4:22	10:22	11:14
October 15:	Thur.	4:52	5:17	11:30	. . .
October 16:	Fri.	5:43	6:05	12:02	12:20
October 17:	Sat.	6:29	6:49	12:37	12:58
October 18:	Sun.	7:11	7:30	1:05	1:29

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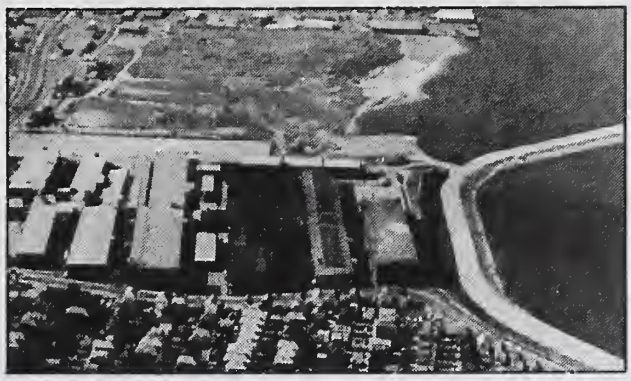

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